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PREVIOUSLY

MICHAEL REQUESTED HAIER TO TAKE HIM TO NING CITADEL IN ORDER TO SAVE ROY. WHEN THEY ARRIVED HAIER ACCIDENTALLY DISCOVERED THAT ROY IS A GIRL WHOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH MICHAEL IS RATHER SPECIAL.

SHAO ZHIXUN EXPOSED THE TRUE IDENTITY OF HAIER, WHO RETURNED TO JUANJUAN'S RESIDENCE. HOWEVER, HAIER REFUSED TO LEAD SHAO ZHIXUN TO NING CITADEL. INSTEAD OF MISGUIDING HIM TO HIS DEATH, SHE CHOSE TO DROWN HERSELF. THANK GOODNESS THAT MICHAEL SAVED HER IN TIME...

IN ORDER TO STOP JUANJUAN'S MARRIAGE TO THE SHALLO KINGDOM, HAIER DECIDED TO KIDNAP JUANJUAN. BUT SHE SAW SHAO ZHIXUN ONCE AGAIN.

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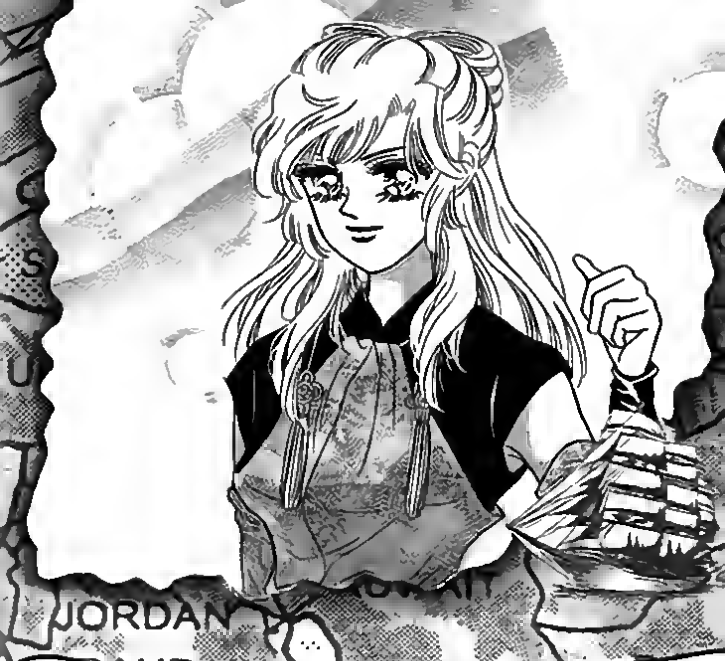
HAIER'S FATHER. HE IS THE MOST POWERFUL PIRATE IN THE SOUTHERN SEA.

NING SHENG

SHAO ZHIXUN'S YOUNGER SISTER. SHE CAME TO THE SOUTHERN SEA IN ORDER TO MARRY THE KING OF SHALLO. SHE'S NAIVE, AND HER LIFE IS CONSTANTLY IN DANGER.

SHAO JUANJUAN

AUSTRIA
A YOUTH WHO ACCOMPANIES MICHAEL ON HIS JOURNEY
ROY
THE PRINCES OF NING CITADEL SHE IS PLAYFUL ATHLETIC AND VERY INTERESTED IN ANGELS
NING HAIER
THE GOVERNOR APPOINTED BY THE MING EMPIRE TO DESTROY PIRACY. HE SEES NING CITADEL AS HIS NEMESIS TO BE ANNIHILATED.
SHAO ZHIXUN
A TRANSLATOR ON A SPANISH SHIP HE BEFRIENDS HAIER BECAUSE HE WAS WEARING A NECKLACE WITH ANGEL ENGRAVINGS
MICHAEL
U.A.E.



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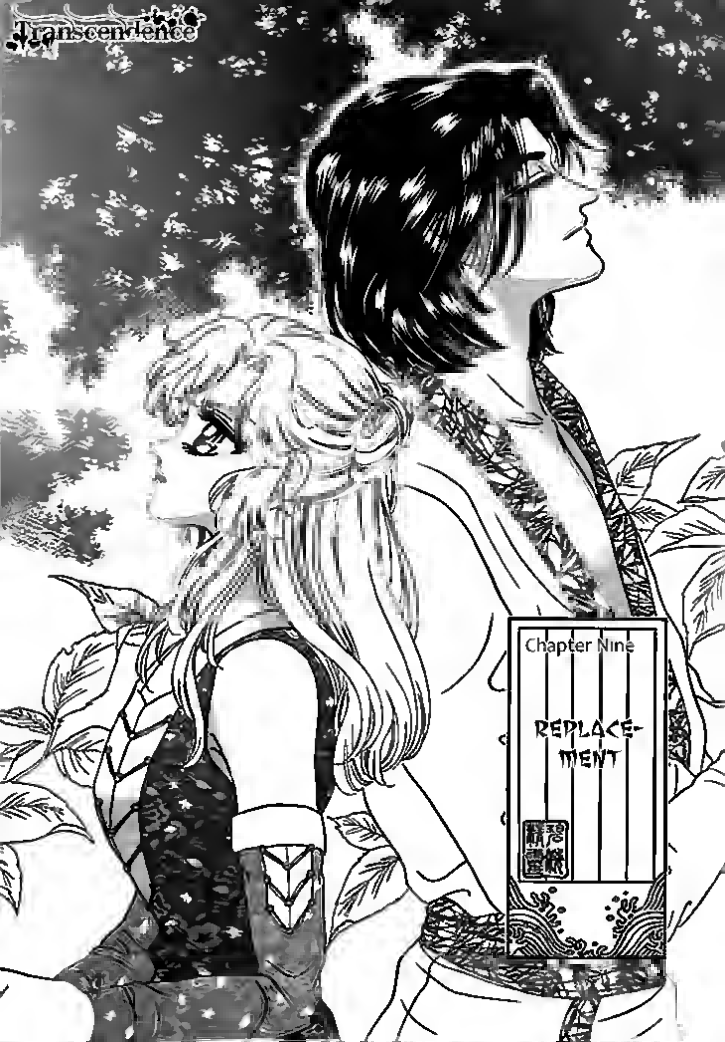
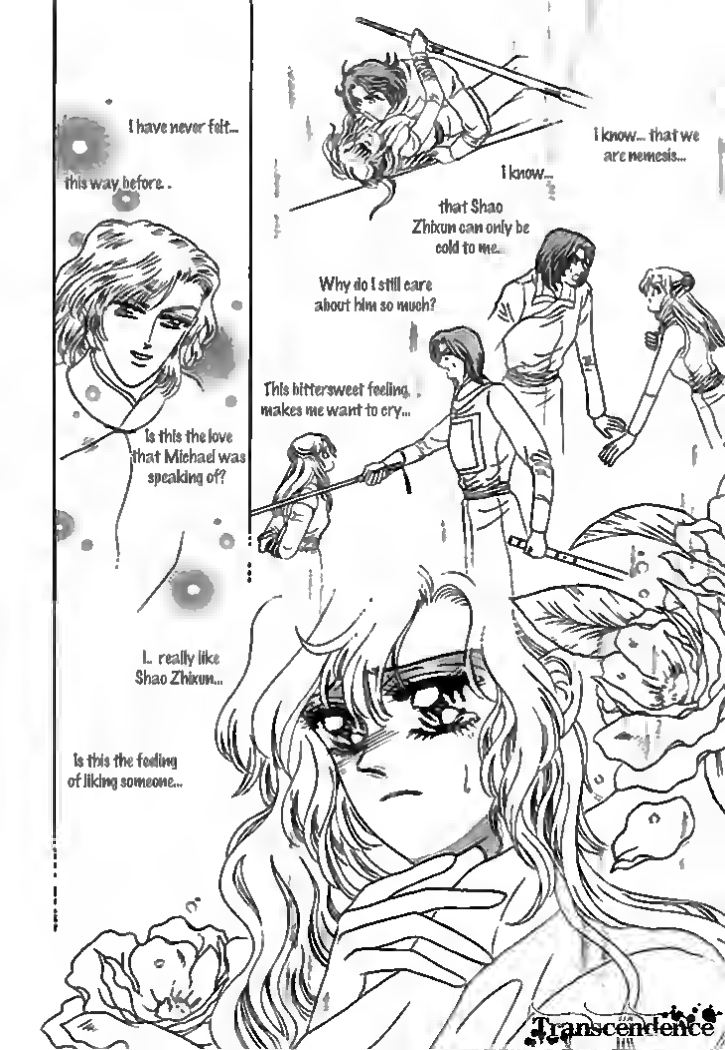

Chapter Nine
REPLACE-
MENT

This is what Michael was talking about...
seems to no longer belong to me...
My heart and my soul
Tears
are frustratingly falling down...
Is this the thing that Michael was talking about...
Love?

PULL HER UP THE SHIP!
MY LADY, THE SHIP IS ALREADY MOVING!
LET'S GO!
NING...
I...
fell in love with Shao Zhikun?

NING HAIER!
ARE YOU NING HAIER?
MY LORD, WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?
NING HAIER DROWNED AT SEA WHERE THERE WAS NO NEARBY ISLANDS
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HER TO SURVIVE
THAT GIRL WAS JUST A GIRL FROM THE SHALUO KINGDOM
Impossible to survive...
forced her to die with my own hands...

MY LADY!
WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED? ARE YOU OKAY?
What's wrong with me...
I don't know either...
I only want to... see Shao Zhkun...
I want to hear his voice...
And all of a sudden...
I forgot about everything...


I have never felt...
this way before..
Is this the love that Michael was speaking of?
I... really like Shao Zhixun...
Is this the feeling of liking someone...
I know... that we are nemesis...
I know...
that Shao Zhixun can only be cold to me...
Why do I still care about him so much?
This bittersweet feeling... makes me want to cry...
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EVERYONE MUST BE TIRED!
PLEASE TRY OUR TEA AND GET SOME REST
THANK YOU!
JUANJUAN!
YOU...
SHIIIYUN? NO... YOU ARE NING... HAIER?

*TAN SHALUO KINGDOM IS FICTITIOUS. IT'S PROBABLY LOCATED IN PRESENT-DAY MALAYSIA.
NING HAIER!
DIDN'T YOU ALREADY..
I'M FINE.
LISTEN WELL, JUANJUAN.
YOU CAN'T GO TO THE SHALUO KINGDOM*, AND YOU MUST NOT MARRY THE KING OF SHALUO!
LIVE IN NING CITADEL FOR NOW.
WHY? THEN MY BROTHER WILL...
DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH!
YOU'LL LOSE YOUR LIFE IF YOU GO TO THE SHALUO KINGDOM.
COME WITH ME!

SHE HAS DISAP-PEARED?
BEFORE DEPARTURE HER TREASURE SHIP WAS TAMPERED BY SOMEONE
THEN, SHE DISAPPEARED SHORTLY AFTER HER JOURNEY STARTED
WAS THIS DONE BY THE PEOPLE FROM SHALUO?
NOT LIKELY...
SHALUO KINGDOM OPENLY DENIED THIS ACCUSATION AND WAS FURIOUS
MY ATTENDANT AND I HAVE CONCLUDED FROM THE KIDNAPPING METHOD...
THAT THIS IS THE DEED OF NING CITADEL
Ning Citadel..

I KNOW.
HUOYE, LEAVE THE SHIP WITH THE OTHERS
AND ASK ALL OF THE MEN IN NING CITADEL TO STAY AWAY.
MY LADY!
WE ARE AT NING CITADEL!
WOW!
THIS IS THE PIRATE ISLAND?
JUANJUAN, THIS IS NING CITADEL!

HAIER...
WHAT?
I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE DOING THIS FOR MY WELLBEING,
BUT SEND MY BROTHER A MESSAGE ABOUT IT...
HE MUST BE WORRIED ABOUT ME...
— I KNOW
I'LL TELL HIM
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GO AWAY! GO AWAY!
ALL MALES MUST LEAVE!
WHY IS HAIER SO NOISY?
Over there, leave!
Hurry!
IF SHAO ZHIXUN TROUBLES US AGAIN,
SHAO ZHIXUN'S SISTER IS NOT ENOUGH
LET'S SEND HIM HIS SISTER'S DECAPITATED HEAD!

Darn, I can't even close them!
Where's the ship?
Wow! Private island!
EH?
WA!

WAA~
Feeling a chilly breeze from behind~
EH?

ARE YOU SHAO JUANJUAN?
DO YOU NOT KNOW HOW TO WALK?
Ah?!
is holding my hand!
He...

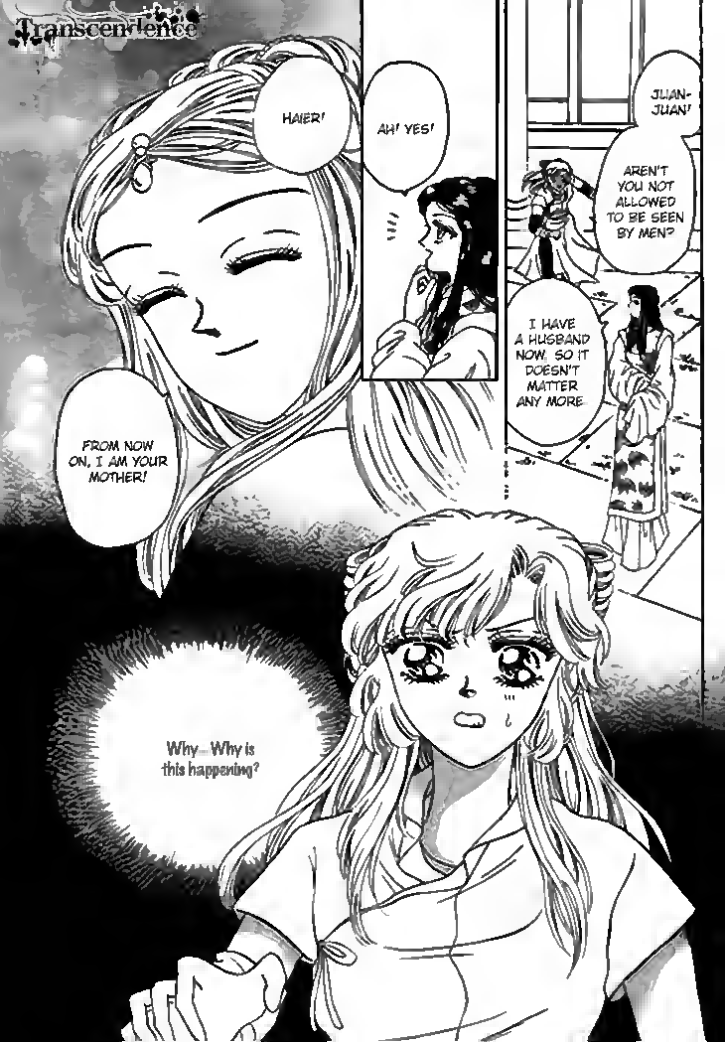
Juan-Juan... this can't happen...
Why is this happening?
Let her go Father!
H...
No way!
?

Immediately lets go!
HUSBAND!
Too late...
SIR NING?
HUSBAND?
I knew something like this would happen!

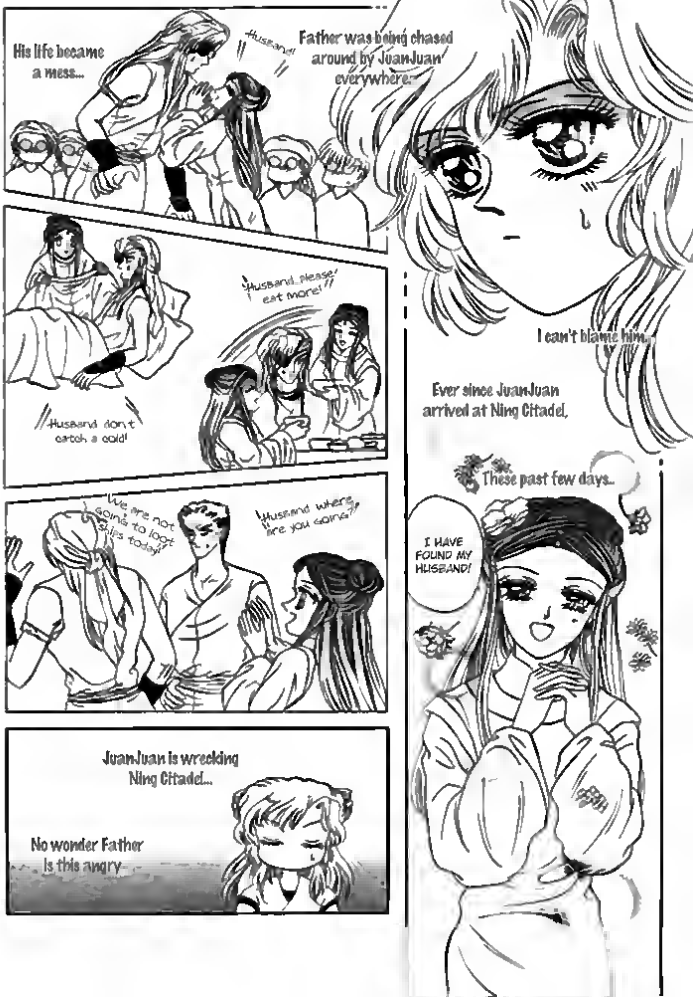
BUT HE HELD MY HAND!
SO I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MARRY HIM!
JUANJUAN,
BACK THEN IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT.
DON'T TAKE IT SERIOUSLY...
BUT... YOU ARE A NOBLE-WOMAN...
FATHER IS A PIRATE!
You don't have to follow this in Ning Cttadel!
IT IS A FEMININE VIRTUE TO FOLLOW MY HUSBAND'S PATH!

JUANJUAN! YOU ARE OUR HOSTAGE, WHO WILL BE USED TO THREATEN SHAO ZHIXUN!
NOT ONLY CAN FATHER NOT MARRY YOU, HE MAY EVEN KILL YOU!
Even though I don't let him do it!
REALLY!
MY OLDER BROTHER IS ALSO HIS OLDER BROTHER!
HOW CAN HE THREATEN HIS BROTHER IN-LAW?
EH?
Brother...
Is she talking about Shao Zhixun?
Then... I have to call Shao Zhixun uncle...
UNCLE?
Don't... Don't joke with me!

YOU
AH!
STOP PUSHING!
JUAN JUAN!
I WANT TO SEE HUSBAND!
They are all men!
OH NO!
EH?
HEHE
GREETINGS EVERYONE!
FROM NOW ON I AM YOUR LEADER'S WIFE
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!
Wa
She's our good Madam!
So cute!
Adorable

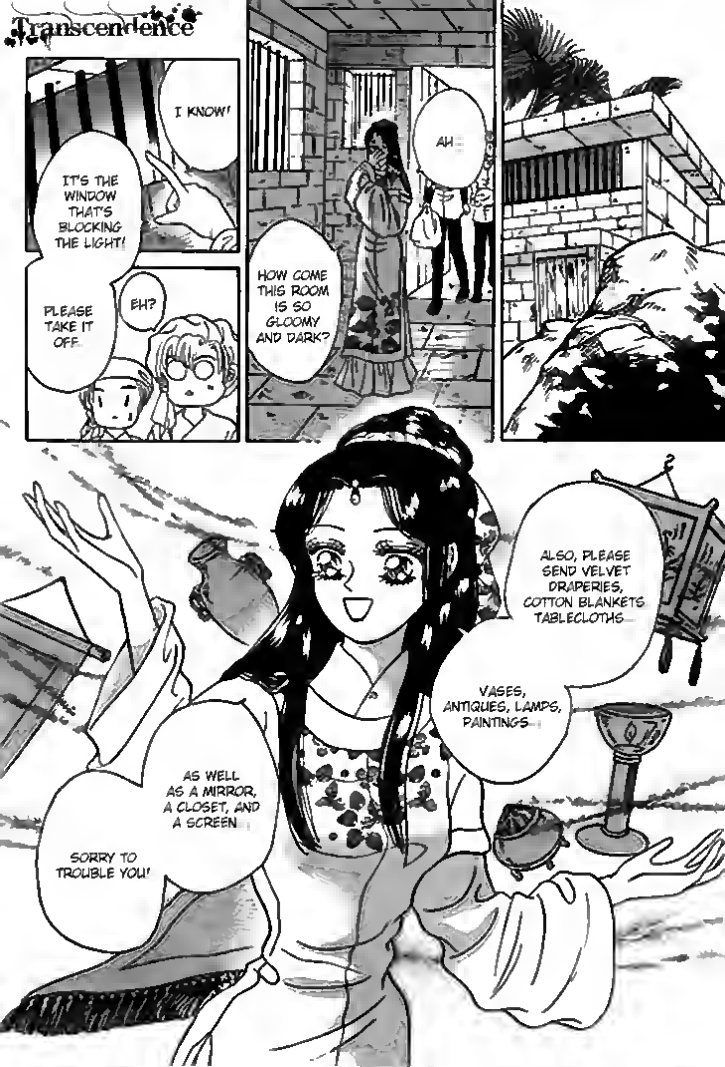

JUAN-JUAN!
AREN'T YOU NOT ALLOWED TO BE SEEN BY MEN?
I HAVE A HUSBAND NOW, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER ANY MORE.
AH! YES!
HAIER!
FROM NOW ON, I AM YOUR MOTHER!
Why... Why is this happening?

FATHER
...
MISS HAIER!
SIR NING WANTS TO SEE YOU!
HAIER...
Such... such ugly facial expression...
FATHER
...


His life became a mess...
Husband!
Father was being chased around by JuanJuan everywhere...
Husband, please eat more!
Husband don't catch a cold!
We are not going to lose this time!
Husband where are you going?
Juan-Juan is wrecking Ning Citadel...
No wonder Father is this angry...
I can't blame him...
Ever since JuanJuan arrived at Ning Citadel,
These past few days...
I HAVE FOUND MY HUSBAND!

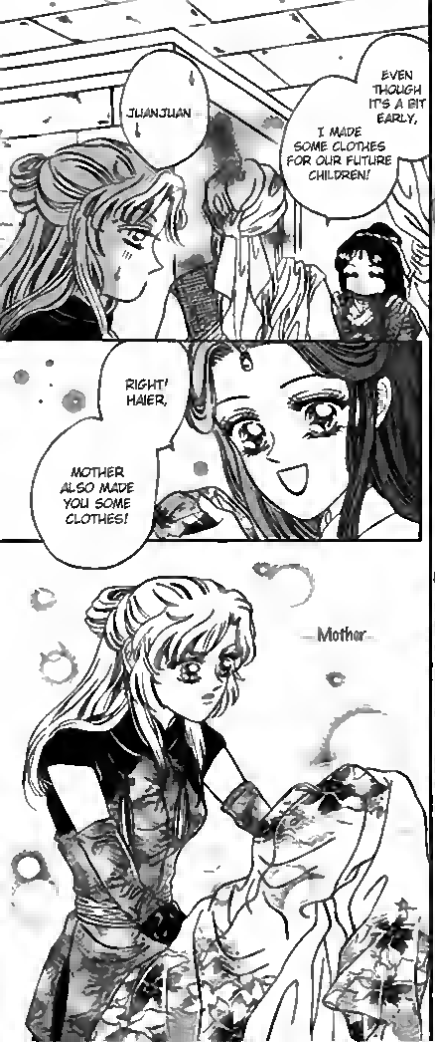
BESIDES, I'VE ALREADY WARNED ALL THE MEN NOT TO APPROACH HER
SHE'S JUST A NOBLEWOMAN, AND SHE WON'T HURT ANY ONE
ISN'T SHE A HOSTAGE? HOW CAN YOU LET HER RUN AROUND?
NO!
LOCK HER UP IN THE PRISON!
To JuanJuan... this is very serious...
I JUST LENT HER A HAND!
Oh no... Father really is angry!
FATHER!
ANYWAYS, LOCK HER UP IN THE PRISON!
DON'T FORGET THAT SHE'S A HOSTAGE! WE'LL KILL HER IF WE HAVE TO!

MADAM
Can't call her Madam anymore!
UM
WHAT IS IT?
THEN
PLEASE TAKE THE TROUBLE AND SHOW ME!
WELL EH
SIR NING WANTS YOU TO "LIVE" IN ANOTHER PLACE
OH I SEE
THAT'S RIGHT... I CAN'T ALWAYS LIVE WITH HAIER
So adorable!
HAHA! NOT A BIT TROUBLE-SOME!


I KNOW!
IT'S THE WINDOW THAT'S BLOCKING THE LIGHT!
PLEASE TAKE IT OFF.
EH?
AH...
HOW COME THIS ROOM IS SO GLOOMY AND DARK?
ALSO, PLEASE SEND VELVET DRAPERIES, COTTON BLANKETS TABLECLOTHS...
VASES, ANTIQUES, LAMPS, PAINTINGS...
AS WELL AS A MIRROR, A CLOSET, AND A SCREEN...
SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU!

HMM...
MUCH MORE AESTHETIC!
WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT?
WE'LL TRY OUR BEST TO FIND THEM!
AH! YES!
I WANT TO DO SOME EMBROIDERY.
CAN YOU HELP ME FIND SOME NEEDLES AND THREADS?
SURE! YOUR SERVANT WILL FIND THEM IMMEDIATELY!
Well... as long as she doesn't leave this "prison" it counts as "imprisonment".
Hey! Ling Ning wants to "imprison" her.

Father's... expression is uglier..
He won't order to have JuanJuan killed, will he?
HUSBAND!
THANKS TO THEIR HELP, I WAS ABLE TO HAVE THIS COMFORTABLE ROOM!
Don't Don't mention us Madam
AH! YOU ARE HERE HUSBAND!
I WAS GOING TO FIND YOU!
BUT THEY WANTED ME TO STAY HERE AND WAIT FOR YOU!
RIGHT! TRY WEARING THIS!
I MADE THESE CLOTHES FOR YOU, HUSBAND!


JUANJUAN
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A BIT EARLY,
I MADE SOME CLOTHES FOR OUR FUTURE CHILDREN!
RIGHT! HAIER,
MOTHER ALSO MADE YOU SOME CLOTHES!
Mother
ALSO...
THERE IS A CLOAK, A TUNIC AND A HAT!

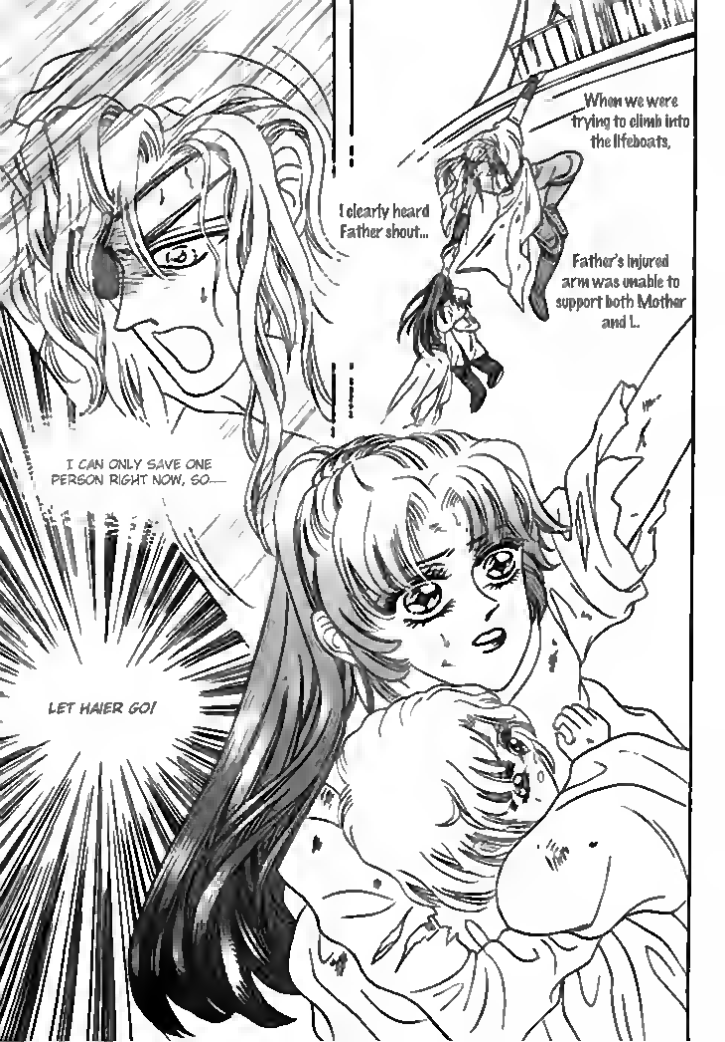
AND THEN...
FATHER STOPPED RESTRAINING JUANJUAN'S FREEDOM.
BUT HE WANTS ME TO SEND HER BACK
IF I RETURN HER TO SHAO ZHIXUN, SHE STILL HAS TO BE SENT TO THE SHALUO KINGDOM
IT'S LIKE WHAT FATHER SAID. A LAMB ENTERING A LION'S DEN.
THEN, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WA!
WE HAVE TO BRING JUANJUAN'S FEELINGS FOR FATHER TO AN END

*TN: LITERALLY, IT MEANS WILD ICE

ICY WAS MADAM'S PET FALCON WHEN SHE WAS STILL ALIVE.
OTHER THAN HER AND SIR NING, NO ONE CAN FEED IT.
UNLESS YOU WEAR THIS PAIR OF GLOVES LEFT BEHIND BY MADAM,
IT IS VERY DANGEROUS TO APPROACH IT.
I SEE...
I AM NOW THE MADAM OF NING CITADEL.
SO I MUST LEARN TO FEED IT!
Juan Juan...

JuanJuan is not Mother...
She is not... Ning Citadel's female leader...
PLEASE GIVE ME THE GLOVES...
From now on I am your leader's wife...
Haier, from now on I am your mother...
Mother also made you some clothes...
ITS NAME IS ICY?
Mother...
I am now the Madam of Ning Citadel...
ENOUGH! JUANJUAN!
...replace Mother..

When Mother was still in this world, Ning Citadel considered accepting the annexation of the empire.
But unexpectedly the ambassador who was negotiating with us betrayed us...
And the Ning ships fell into the ambush...
NO ONE CAN MATCH UP TO MOTHER'S POSITION IN FATHER'S HEART...
BECAUSE... EVEN I CAN'T SURPASS HER
YOU CAN NEVER REPLACE MOTHER!
STOP PRETENDING!
Haier?

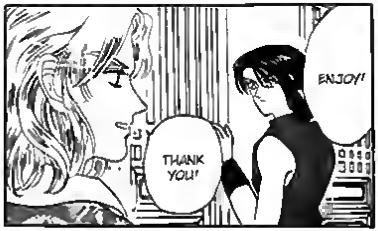

...When we were trying to climb into the lifeboats,
I clearly heard Father shout...
Father's injured arm was unable to support both Mother and I.
I CAN ONLY SAVE ONE PERSON RIGHT NOW, SO—
LET HAIER GO!

LET HAIER GO!
FATHER DEEPLY LOVES MOTHER
MORE THAN HE LOVES HIS CHILD...
WHAT ARE YOU TO HIM?
WE CAN HAVE MORE CHILDREN IN THE FUTURE...
BUT IF I LOSE YOU... THEN I HAVE LOST EVERYTHING...
SO— LET HAIER GO!

SHENG...
HAIER CANNOT BE REPLACED... IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY MORE CHILDREN WE WILL HAVE...
THEY WON'T BE THE SAME AS HAIER...
TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER...
YOU WILL UNDERSTAND...
THAT SHE IS AN IRREPLACEABLE CHILD!

Haier!
I ONCE HATE MOTHER SHE SHOULD HAVE THROWN ME INTO THE SEA BACK THEN,
SO THAT I DIDN'T HAVE TO REMEMBER THOSE WORDS
We can have more children in the future...
BUT NOW
I WILL PROVE IT TO FATHER!
THAT HAIER IS INDEED IRREPLACEABLE
I WILL ASCEND THE FLEETING MIRAGE WITH MY OWN ABILITIES, AND I WILL OUTSHINE MOTHER!

MICHAEL! WHY DO WE HAVE TO STAY IN THIS PIRATE CITY?
THIS IS ACTUALLY THE SAFEST PLACE
PERHAPS BY COLLABORATING WITH THEM,
I CAN MAKE MY DREAM COME TRUE.
ROY!
BUT,
IF YOU BETRAY SPAIN


ENJOY!
THANK YOU!

HUOYE!
I HAVE BROUGHT YOUR DINNER!
MR. MICHAEL!

ROY!
DON'T SPEAK ABOUT OUR MATTERS SO CASUALLY.
IT'S FINE! NO ONE UNDERSTANDS SPANISH HERE ANYWAY

A BOAT HAS CROSSED THE THOUSAND BEDROCKS AND INTRUDED THE NING CITADEL ISLAND!
WHAT WERE THE GUARDS DOING?!
THE BOAT WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED,
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY SURVIVORS LEFT
SIR TIGER!
SOMEONE SEEMS TO BE STILL ALIVE OVER HERE!
IT SEEMS...

THAT WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT GUEST VISITING US...
SHAO ZHIXUN!

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Chapter 10
THE ROAD TO LIBERTY

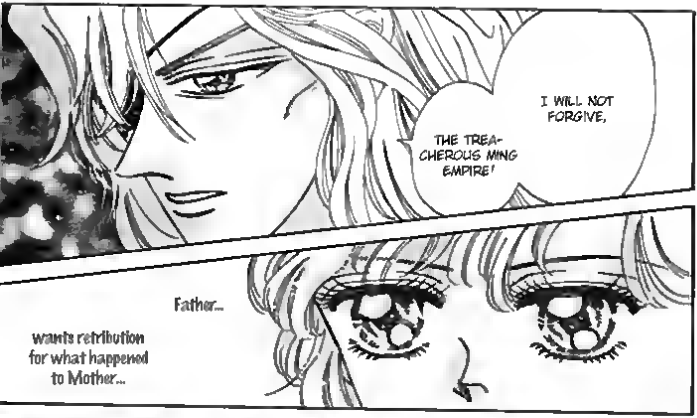
WELCOME TO NING CITADEL, LORD SHAO.
I DIDN'T THINK THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH HERE...
YOU WERE MORE PROBLEMATIC THAN I HAD IMAGINED.

SADLY...
YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE AT THIS PLACE.
I AM THE ONE WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR NING HAIER'S DEATH IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH JUANJUAN.
RELEASE HER!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS OBSTRUCT ME? SHAO ZHIXUN
WE COULD HAVE CO-EXISTED PEACEFULLY!

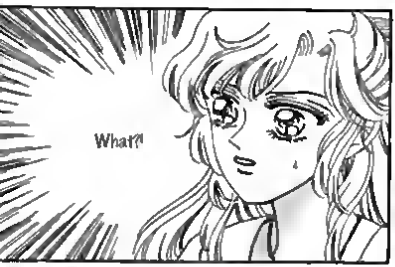
NING SHENG...
I KNOW YOUR AMBITION
AFTER YOU REBEL...
CAN WE STILL CO-EXIST IN PEACE?
Shao Zhixun...

I HEARD THAT SHAO ZHIXUN IS HERE?
WHERE IS HE?
FATHER!
YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW.
FATHER SHAO ZHIXUN SAID THAT YOU WANT TO SECEDE
IS IT TRUE?
PRECISELY SO

THE ENTIRE SOUTHERN SEA...
WILL BELONG TO US
HAIER... I WANT YOU TO BECOME THE REAL...
EMPRESS OF THE SOUTHERN SEA!
Father...
YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER...
THAT THIS IS MY DREAM.


I WILL NOT FORGIVE,
THE TREACHEROUS MING EMPIRE!
Father...
wants retribution for what happened to Mother...

I PLAN TO
THROW THAT BRAT INTO THE SEA!


What?!

FATHER...
HOW WILL YOU PUNISH SHAO ZHIXUN?
I WILL TREAT HIM THE SAME WAY AS HE HAS TREATED YOU!

I DIDN'T THINK THAT YOU WOULD COLLABORATE WITH THE PIRATES!
MICHAEL!
LORD SHAO!
IT IS SUCH A SHAME THAT YOU ARE STAYING IN HERE
YOU SPEAK SO HARSHLY, MY LORD I AM MERELY A MERCHANT.
IT IS ONLY BECAUSE NING CITADEL OFFERED ME A BETTER DEAL THAN MING EMPIRE DID

MICHAEL...
YOU'RE NOT JUST A MERCHANT,
YOU...
MY LORD! IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT I AM...
JUST REMEMBER...
I DO NOT INTEND TO BE YOUR ENEMY.
FAREWELL
MICHAEL!
A dagger?

EH?
SHAO ZHIXUN!
COME OUT!
THE FISHES IN THE SE ARE W ITING FOR YOU!
WA!
PLEASE TAKE MY PLACE!

SHAO ZHIXUN ESCAPED!
FIND HIM!
THIS BRAT...
BE CAREFUL SHAO ZHIXUN!

NING... NING HAIER?! YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
COME WITH ME!

I CAN'T JUST LEAVE LIKE THIS!
I MUST RESCUE JUANJUAN!
IF YOU RETURN TO NING CITADEL NOW...
FATHER WILL PROBABLY KILL JUANJUAN IMMEDIATELY...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
JUANJUAN IS MUCH SAFER IN NING CITADEL THAN IN SHALUO KINGDOM*!
NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO HER! COME WITH ME!
NING HAIER

*SHALUO KINGDOM = MALAYSIA

WE NEED TO FIND A CERTAIN TRAIL MARKER
IF WE FOLLOW THE PATH TO THE SHORE, WE CAN ROW A BOAT FOR A DAY AND ARRIVE AT A TINY FISHING VILLAGE
WE MUST GO THERE FIRST SO THAT THEY WON'T PERSECUTE US
Yellow...
ONLY THE YELLOW ONES ARE CORRECT THE REST ARE USED AS DECOYS
It's Uncle Tiger!

Uncle Tiger might tell Father...
NING HAIER!
THROW AWAY THE TORCH!
Eh?
Oh no! He will discover that I freed Shao Zhixun..
슈치!

THEY'RE COMING!
LET'S GO!
SO CLOSE...
Back then... was that my imagination?
Uncle Tiger's gun was pointing at me...

STOP!
IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
IF WE GO DOWN FROM HERE, WILL WE REACH THE PATH?
IN THEORY YES, BUT...
HOLD ON TO ME!
HEY!

We're jumping off a cliff!

SHAO ZHIXUN!
WAAAAA!

ARE YOU OKAY...?
...I'M FINE
WON-DERFUL
HAHA! OF COURSE I'M FINE
ONLY BECAUSE YOU'RE MY PILLOW

Shao Zhixun...
I WAS TALKING ABOUT...
YOUR SUICIDE
You...
forced me to jump into the sea...

but I did not want your life to be in jeopardy either...
You are the stubborn one who didn't listen to my warning to retreat..
I jumped into the sea without thinking, and I almost died..
I did not wish to disobey Father's order...
But now I am so delighted over the few words you've just said..
Stupid Haier.. You will sink deeper and deeper...

WHY DID YOU TAKE JUANJUAN HOSTAGE?
BE-CAUSE
I CANNOT LET HER MARRY THE KING OF SHALUO
YOU...
IN ADDITION TO THE ASSASSINATIONS WITHIN SHALUO,
DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF A PERSON THE KING OF SHALUO IS?
HE IS A BRUTAL AND LUSTFUL PERSON!
YOU'VE ONLY KNOW JUANJUAN FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS...
WHILE I'VE LIVED WITH HER FOR FIFTEEN YEARS...
DO YOU THINK THAT I WORRY LESS THAN YOU DO?

SHE IS MY...
ONLY SISTER...
I AM THE LAST PERSON WHO WANTS HER TO GO TO THE SHALUO KINGDOM!
Shao Zhixun...

WE MUST REACH THE SHORE BEFORE DAWN
ELSE THEY WILL DISCOVER US
LET'S GO!
SHAO ZHIXUN?
SHAO ZHIXUN?!

must have reopened when he collided against the cliff...
The injuries on his back...
OW...
SHAO ZHIXUN!
HOW ARE YOUR WOUNDS?
What should I do?

The morning star...
MORNING HAS COME. YOU CANNOT LEAVE NOW
WAIT HERE FIRST. I WILL SAIL THE BOAT TO YOU.
THERE IS MEDICINE ON THE BOAT
YOU SHOULD GO BACK
RETURN NOW!

IF I LEAVE YOU NOW, HOW WILL YOU LEAVE?
I WILL FIND THE BOAT MYSELF
YOU HAVE DONE TOO MUCH FOR AN ENEMY'S SAKE ALREADY.
Enemy.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT ME AT ALL. IT WOULD ONLY WORK TO YOUR FAVOR IF I DIE RIGHT NOW AT THIS SPOT.
EVEN IF YOU HELP ME RETURN, I STILL WILL NOT CHANGE MY DECISION TO ERADICATE PIRACY.
I MAY EVEN ACT EARLIER FOR JUANJUAN'S SAKE

YOU ARE SAYING...
THAT AFTER YOU RETURN...
YOU WILL STILL SEND THE NAVY TO ATTACK NING CITADEL?
CORRECT.
IN MY EYES...
YOU ARE ONLY A FEMALE PIRATE
AND ENDING PIRACY IS MY DUTY
LEAVE NOW! BEFORE I RECOVER MY STRENGTH!

I'M NOT HUNGRY.
I... AM GOING TO FIND SOME FOOD...
I AM HUNGRY.

What was I expecting all along...
In his eyes, I am only a female pirate...!
Stupid Haier..
Risking punishment for violating the Citadel's law and aiding an enemy who wants to destroy Ning Citadel..

Yet...
how come every time he calls me a pirate...
I feel such pain and sorrow...
I am so... confused and lost...
Since my earliest memory I have participated in countless ship hunts .
and I can no longer remember how many insults were said to us...
Despicable pirates! Thieves!

NING HAIER!

YOU CAN'T WALK YET!
WHAT ARE YOU...
SHAO ZHIXUN!
Shao Zhixun was worried about me?
YOU WERE IN THE SEA FOR SO LONG...
I THOUGHT THAT...

LEAVE NOW!
DON'T LET PEOPLE FROM NING CITADEL DISCOVER THAT YOU WERE WITH ME
So...
The reason why Shao Zhixun drove me away... is that he is afraid that people from Ning Citadel will discover that I released him?
SHAO ZHIXUN!
It doesn't matter whether you are an enemy or not...
It doesn't matter that Father will castigate me severely...
I am still...
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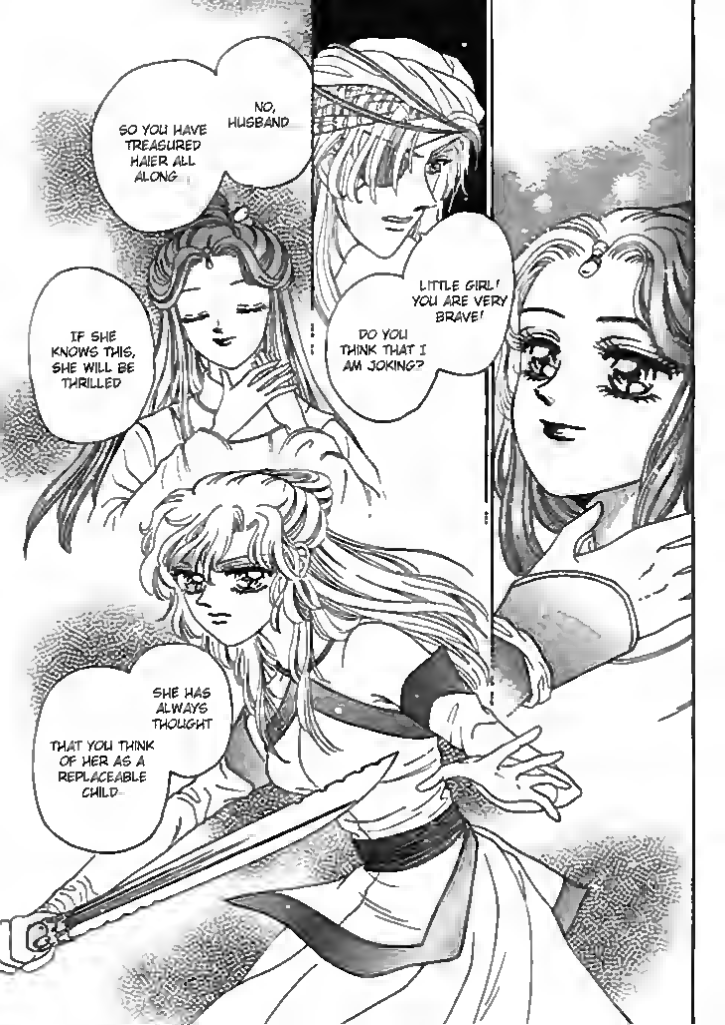
so in love with you!

IGY!
THIS IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD!
COME! EAT THIS!
WONDER-FUL!
HERE! EAT SOME MORE!
WA!

YOU CAN ONLY TAME IT WITH SUCH METHOD
LITTLE GIRL, YOU SHOULD KNOW
THAT THIS IS NING CITADEL NOT YOUR BEDCHAMBER OR CLOISTER.
I AM NOT INTERESTED IN A LITTLE GIRL WHO IS THE SAME AGE AS MY DAUGHTER!
HUSBAND!!

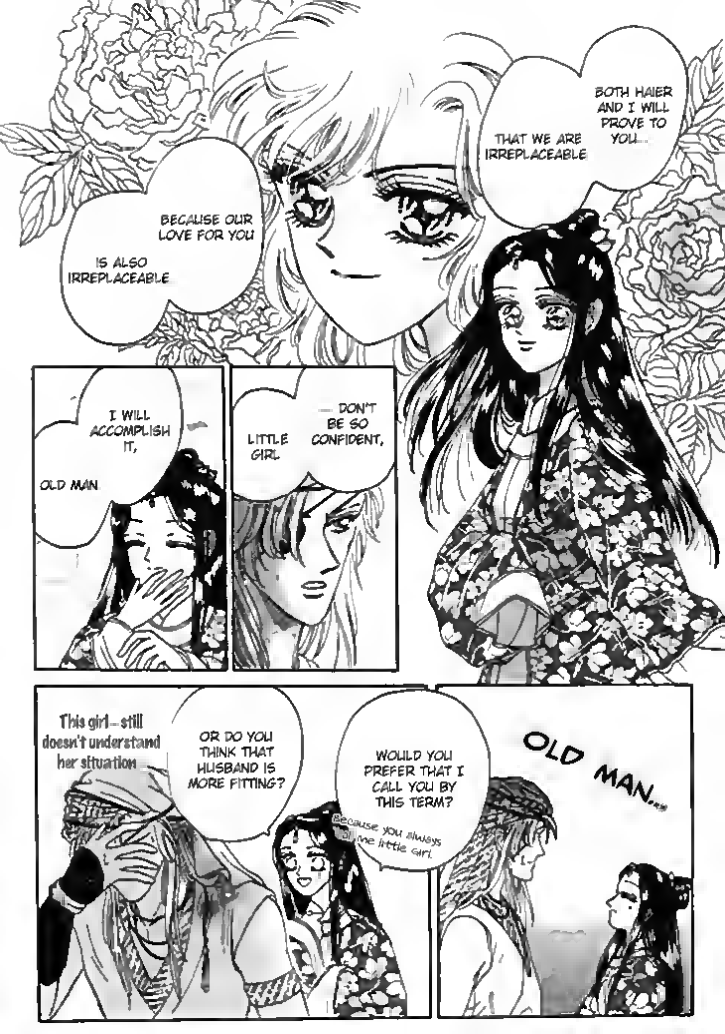
AFTER I HEARD ABOUT YOUR TRAGEDY...
I NOW UNDERSTAND YOUR DEEP AFFECTION FOR YOUR WIFE...
AND THAT MAKES ME LIKE YOU EVEN MORE
BUT...
I HAVE JUST BEGUN TO LIKE YOU, HUSBAND!
Just begun...
THEN
YOU SHOULD KNOW EVEN BETTER...
THAT I WON'T LIKE ANY OTHER WOMAN.

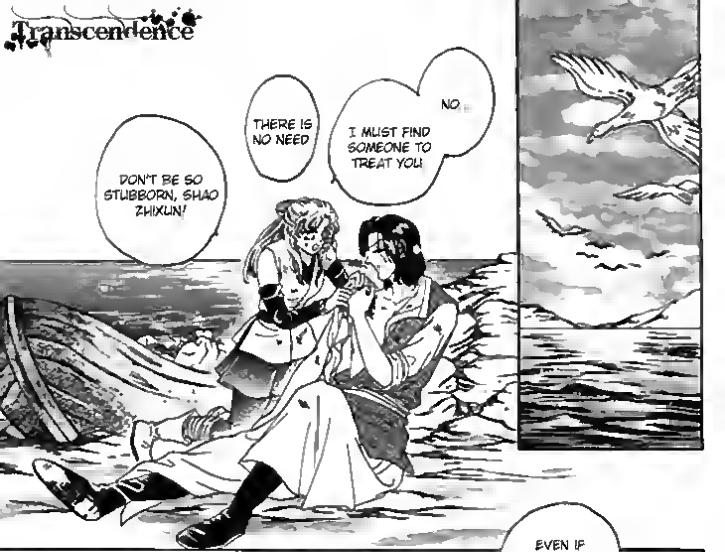
I AM HERE TO TELL YOU
THAT SHAO ZHIXUN HAS ARRIVED.
Brother..
IF HE DAMAGES EVEN A HAIR OF HAIER—
I WILL REPEAT THAT ONTO YOU TENFOLD!
THAT BRAT ESCAPED, AND HAIER IS ALSO MISSING
IF HE DARES TO USE HAIER AS A HOSTAGE,
OR HARM HER IN ANYWAY—


NO, HUSBAND
SO YOU HAVE TREASURED HAIER ALL ALONG
LITTLE GIRL! YOU ARE VERY BRAVE!
DO YOU THINK THAT I AM JOKING?
IF SHE KNOWS THIS, SHE WILL BE THRILLED
SHE HAS ALWAYS THOUGHT
THAT YOU THINK OF HER AS A REPLACEABLE CHILD

Haier is the only person in this world who has my wife's blood...
To me...
she lives within Haier...
OF COURSE I VALUE HAIER.
YOU ARE SAYING THAT WHAT YOU VALUE IN HAIER IS HER MOTHER'S ELEMENT?
PRECISELY.

I WILL ARRANGE SOMEONE TO SPY ON YOU
IF YOU STILL WANT TO PLAY WITH ICY
THEN ASK SHUIYUN TO GIVE YOU THE GLOVES
I DON'T WANT THE GLOVES
I DON'T WANT TO BE LADY NING'S REPLACEMENT
HAIER WAS RIGHT...
I AM UNABLE TO REPLACE HER MOTHER'S POSITION IN YOUR HEART
THEREFORE, I WISH THAT YOU WOULD LOVE ME— AS SHAO JUANJUAN


BOTH HAIER AND I WILL PROVE TO YOU...
THAT WE ARE IRREPLACEABLE
BECAUSE OUR LOVE FOR YOU
IS ALSO IRREPLACEABLE
I WILL ACCOMPLISH IT,
OLD MAN
— DON'T BE SO CONFIDENT, LITTLE GIRL
This girl – still doesn't understand her situation
OR DO YOU THINK THAT HUSBAND IS MORE FITTING?
WOULD YOU PREFER THAT I CALL YOU BY THIS TERM?
Because you always are little girl.
OLD MAN...


DON'T BE SO STUBBORN, SHAO ZHIXUN!
THERE IS NO NEED
NO...
I MUST FIND SOMEONE TO TREAT YOU!

EVEN IF YOU WANT TO COMPLETE SOME ANTI-PIRACY ERRANDS,
YOU STILL HAVE TO BE ALIVE TO DO THAT!
WHO SHOULD I FIND... SHUIYUN AND HUOYE
PERHAPS I CAN ALSO SEEK MICHAEL'S HELP.

Michael...
BETTER BE WARY OF MICHAEL... YOU...
HUH?
MICHAEL CARRIES A DESIRABLE DOCUMENT WITH HIM,
AND ALL THE WESTERNERS WANT IT.
HIS DISAPPEARANCE AROUSED THE WESTERNERS' ANXIETY.

EACH NATION EVEN OFFERS AN IMPRESSIVE AWARD
TO THE ONE WHO CAN TAKE MICHAEL'S LIFE OR DOCUMENT
AN AWARD COULD LAST A LIFETIME
WHAT SORT OF DOCUMENT DID MICHAEL STEAL?
The true nature of a treasure
Perhaps it is a treasure map?!
Ah!
Michael?
HE REMAINS IN NING CITADEL IN ORDER TO EVADE THE OTHER WESTERNERS,
BUT HE MAY HAVE SOME OTHER PURPOSES

I CAN REACH THE ISLAND.
I CAN NAVIGATE THE BOAT MYSELF
THERE IS NO NEED!
DON'T MOVE AROUND!
WAIT FOR ME TO FIND HELP!
YOU DIE ON THE BOAT...
WHAT IF...
WE WILL BECOME ENEMIES ONCE AGAIN
AFTER THIS...

STUPID PUMPKIN!
WHY DO YOU THINK I SAVED YOU SO RECKLESSLY?!
What... how can you...
say such things so calmly...
I care about you so much.
I'm not even scared of disobeying Father's orders... or losing my own life...
but you ignore me and turn the other way...
THEN THAT WOULD BE GREAT NEWS FOR NING CITADEL

I don't want to...
I...
hide my feelings for you any more..
LIKE...
I LOVE YOU!

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Chapter Eleven

THE FAR EAST OF DREAMS

I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO EAT WESTERN DELICACIES HERE.
THANK YOU HUOYE.
HAHA! DON'T MENTION IT.

BUT...
I STILL DON'T LIKE THE TASTE OF THIS TEA.
SINCE YOU'RE ALREADY HERE YOU SHOULD TRY THEIR TEA!
WOULDN'T YOU SAY SO, HUOYE?
EXACTLY!
CHINESE TEA HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE MOST FAMOUS IN THE WORLD.
Ah!
¡Muy bien!
WELL...
HAHA...
YOU DO, INDEED, UNDERSTAND OUR CONVERSATION, HUOYE!

I CAN SPEAK ABOUT 20 OTHER LANGUAGES
I CAN EVEN SPEAK SOME ENGLISH!
I'M NATURALLY GIFTED AT LEARNING LANGUAGES
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT COMPLETELY!
IT'S BECAUSE I'M OFTEN AROUND YOU TWO WHEN YOU ARE TALKING, SO I END UP RECOGNIZING YOUR LANGUAGE LITTLE BY LITTLE

He detected my lie again...
HA...
SIR NING ASKED YOU LEARN THEM!

HOW MUCH TIME DID HE GIVE YOU?
TWO MONTHS

THEREFORE I MUST COMPENSATE FOR MY MISTAKE...
BECAUSE OF MY CARELESSNESS LAST TIME, I ALLOWED THE "BLACK QILIN" TO SINK

DON'T BE SO HAPPY RIGHT NOW.
YOU MUST AGREE TO ONE CONDITION
EH?
THANK YOU! MICHAEL!
YOU... ARE WILLING TO TEACH ME?!
WITH YOUR SPECIAL TALENT AND MY INSTRUCTION
YOU COULD BE FLUENT!
TAKE ME TO HAIER.
YOU MUST KNOW WHERE SHE AND SHAO ZHIXUN ARE
WELL...
How did he know that Haier helped Shao Zhixun to escape?

I must return to the Ning Citadel quickly...
Haahaa...
and find help...

My heart... is still beating so fast...
I said those words so recklessly...
I love you!

I LOVE YOU!
What do I do now...
I finally confessed to him...
I'M SERIOUS!
DON'T... SPEAK SUCH NONSENSE...

I love you...
I want you to know...
my tender affection...
no matter what...
DO YOU STILL NOT UNDERSTAND...
THAT PERHAPS ONE DAY, I WILL KILL YOU WITH MY OWN HANDS...
NOT ONLY YOU BUT YOUR FATHER TOO...
RELATIVES... SUBJECTS... EVERYONE IN THE NING CITADEL...

REALLY...
IF THAT DAY WILL CERTAINLY ARRIVE...
THEN KILL ME RIGHT NOW!
NING HAIER...

IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO KILL ME!
THEN NOW
DO IT THEN!
LET ME CONFIRM...
THAT MY LOVE FOR YOU IS WRONG!
IF NING HAIER IS ONLY A FEMALE PIRATE IN YOUR EYES,
A PERSON WHOM YOU MUST SENTENCE TO DEATH...
WHILE I STILL LOVE YOU...
BEFORE I GROW TO DESPISE YOU!

UGH...
NO...
ultimate answer for loving you with all my heart?
Is this my

I HAVE ALREADY FORCED YOU TO DIE ONCE.
HOW COULD I DO IT AGAIN
Shao Zhixun?
YOUR WOUND!
UGH...

I WILL LOOK FOR SOMEONE TO HELP YOU
WAIT FOR ME HERE I WILL RETURN IN NO TIME
PROMISE ME THAT YOU WILL WAIT FOR ME HERE
... I PROMISE.
Ning Haier...

Back then...
Hoohoo
Shao Zhixun, he...
does he also like me back?
Whatever it is... I must save him!

I should take a shortcut!
And climb up the hill from here!
WA!

I remember... that there are watchmen here...
!
HEY!
Wonderful! Someone is here!
No.. I can't let people from the Ning Citadel find me yet..

MICHAEL!
HUOYE!
MY LADY!
HAIER?
HURRY
PLEASE SAVE HIM!
SHAO ZHIXUN?
PERFECT!
HELP ME SAVE SHAO ZHIXUN!

I WANT TO GO TOO!
MY LADY...
HUOYE, PLEASE BRING THE MEDICINE THERE.
HAIER WILL STAY WITH ME FOR NOW.
I UNDERSTAND
HE'S INSIDE A CAVE BY THE SHORE?
LET'S TREAT THE WOUND ON YOUR LEG FIRST!
DON'T WORRY! WE BROUGHT MEDICINE.
I WANT TO GO WITH YOU!
HAIER! YOU NEED TO REST!

YOU CANNOT WALK ON THE MOUNTAIN PATH RIGHT NOW,
AND YOU WILL BE EASILY DISCOVERED
I'M FINE! I WANT TO SEE HIM!
SINCE YOU SAVED SHAO ZHIXUN,
I DON'T THINK THAT YOU WANT THE PEOPLE IN THE NING CITADEL TO DISCOVER HIM, RIGHT?
You better be wary of Michael
Michael
I WON'T TELL YOUR FATHER.

DOESN'T IT TAKE YOU MORE THAN A YEAR TO REACH HERE FROM YOUR HOMELAND?
WHY DO YOU ASK ALL OF A SUDDEN?
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
MICHAEL
WHY DID YOU COME TO THE FAR EAST?
DO YOU KNOW?
HAIER
TO ME AND THE OTHER WESTERNERS...
THIS IS A VAST LAND FULL OF MYSTERIES AND ASTONISHMENT
WITH SUCH GENTLE WARMTH AND ABUNDANT WEALTH
THE SPICES, SILKS AND PORCELAINS...
HOW WONDROUS AND FANTASTIC THESE TREASURES ARE
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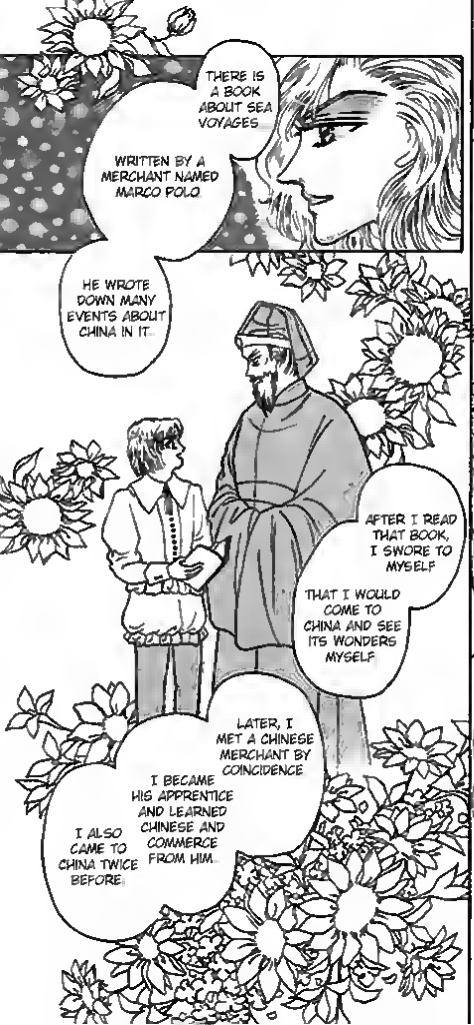
MY DREAM IS TO BECOME AN INFLUENTIAL MERCHANT ON THE SEA
AND LET EVEN MORE PEOPLE SEE THE EXCITING UNKNOWNS FROM THE FAR EAST!
I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN INCREASE THE SHIPS' SPEED!
THE FUTURE ON THE SEA WILL CERTAINLY BE EVEN MORE LIMITLESS!


THERE IS A BOOK ABOUT SEA VOYAGES
WRITTEN BY A MERCHANT NAMED MARCO POLO
HE WROTE DOWN MANY EVENTS ABOUT CHINA IN IT.
AFTER I READ THAT BOOK, I SWORE TO MYSELF
THAT I WOULD COME TO CHINA AND SEE ITS WONDERS MYSELF
LATER, I MET A CHINESE MERCHANT BY COINCIDENCE
I BECAME HIS APPRENTICE AND LEARNED CHINESE AND COMMERCE FROM HIM.
I ALSO CAME TO CHINA TWICE BEFORE.

Michael's eyes are sparkling...
His dream...

Really? Father is not a merchant.
LET'S RETURN NOW AND WAIT FOR HUOYE'S NEWS!
BECAUSE YOUR FATHER'S OFFERS CAN HELP ME ACHIEVE MY DREAM.
THEN... WHY DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US?
NOW YOU'RE A PIRATE!
WHAT?
BECAUSE I WAS THE ONE WHO HELPED HIM TO UNTIE HIS ROPE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME TELLING YOUR FATHER ABOUT SHAO ZHIXUN'S ESCAPE
MI MICHAEL
If father knows about this, then...
IT IS A BASIC RULE FOR MERCHANTS TO NOT ATTRACT THE GOVERNMENT'S WRATH!
PERHAPS I WILL REQUIRE HIS ASSISTANCE IN THE FUTURE
SHAO ZHIXUN IS AN IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OF THE MING EMPIRE

Something... tells me to not reveal my reason to Michael...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHY DID YOU LET SHAO ZHIXUN ESCAPE?
WELL...
HAIER,
WHEN YOUR FATHER ASKED ME TO JOIN HIM INITIALLY, HE GAVE ME MANY TEMPTING OFFERS...
ONE OF WHICH IS...
YOU.

I love you...
Shao Zhixun...

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MIU'S SHIPYARD
HEY!
YOU!
YOU THERE!
COME HERE!

YOU MUST BE THE NEW SHIP BUILDER!
WHY IS HE WORKING FOR YOU?
WHY ARE YOU ONLY SITTING HERE AND RESTING?
BECAUSE I ONCE SAVED HIS LIFE, HE VOLUNTARILY BECAME MY SLAVE
REALLY?
THEN BE MY SLAVE! I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO BE ENSLAVED.
AND WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
NING SHENG

I AM MU YING
I WILL BE YOUR MASTER FROM TODAY ONWARD.
MU YING?
SINCE WE NEED HER FATHER...
TRY NOT TO IRRITATE HER.
Mu Chengxin's daughter?
SHE IS A LADY OF THE MU FAMILY. SHE IS MU CHENGXIN'S DAUGHTER.

NING SHENG! WHERE ARE YOU?
GET TO WORK!
Bring me a cup of tea along the way
BRING TEN BUCKETS OF WATER
TRIM ALL THE TREE BUSHES IN THE GARDEN!
SWEEP THE COURTYARD THOROUGHLY!
HEY! I WANT YOU TO WORK!
BUT I FINISHED ALL OF MY TASKS!
SOMEONE ELSE DID THEM FOR YOU!
WE ARE ONLY TAKING ONE PERSON'S SALARY ANYWAY

MILI'S SHIPYARD FORBIDS IDLENESS!
GO HELP OUT IN THE BACKYARD!
MISS MILI!
IT'S BEEN SO LONG! MISS MILI.
WHY DOES YOUR FATHER ALWAYS TAKE SO LONG TO BUILD WARSHIPS?
WE JUST INSPECTED THAT FINISHED SHIP, BUT THERE ARE MANY INADEQUACIES!
IF YOU WANT TO MAINTAIN THE REPUTATION OF MILI'S SHIPYARD AND NOT AGGRAVATE LORD SUN...
WE SURE CAN HELP!
HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
ACCEPT MY MARRIAGE PROPOSAL! MILI YING!
LET ME GO!

WHO IS THIS GUY?
LET HER GO!
EH?
IT IS THIS TYPE OF WORK
THAT REQUIRES MY PERSONAL ATTENTION

WHY ARE YOU TWO STILL HERE?!
I ALREADY GAVE YOU THE SHIP THAT YOU WANTED!
YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THAT THIS SHIP CANNOT CHALLENGE THE NAVY'S WARSHIPS!
SIR MIU!
PERHAPS THIS GOLD IS NOT ENOUGH...
BUT, PLEASE CREATE A BETTER SHIP FOR ME!
UH... YOU ARE LUOYUE'S SUBORDINATE!
LUOYUE IS ALREADY SATISFIED WITH THIS SHIP.
WHY DO YOU STILL...

Because my family angered the Imperial Court, all of my relatives were sentenced to death
I was the only one who escaped- the slaughter
I was only able to survive thanks to Luoyue's interference and adoption. I owe much to his kindness.
I SEE...
IS IT POSSIBLE TO BUILD ANOTHER SHIP? IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY AND TIME
WELL... WE WILL SEE!

SEEMS LIKE...
YOU DON'T NEED MY HELP AT ALL!
They are worse than the ones I took care of they all fainted
I HAD TO DEAL WITH THOSE MEN BY MYSELF!
NING SHENG!
WHERE DID YOU GO, LAZY BUM?!
I ONLY WANT YOU TO KNOW...
THAT IN OUR SHIPYARD, EVERYBODY IS PART OF A TEAM, AND THEY MUST NOT ONLY TREAT OTHERS AS EQUALS BUT ALSO WORK DILIGENTLY
I DON'T THINK THAT ANYONE WOULD WANT TO BE ANOTHER PERSON'S SLAVE VOLUNTARILY
OH REALLY?

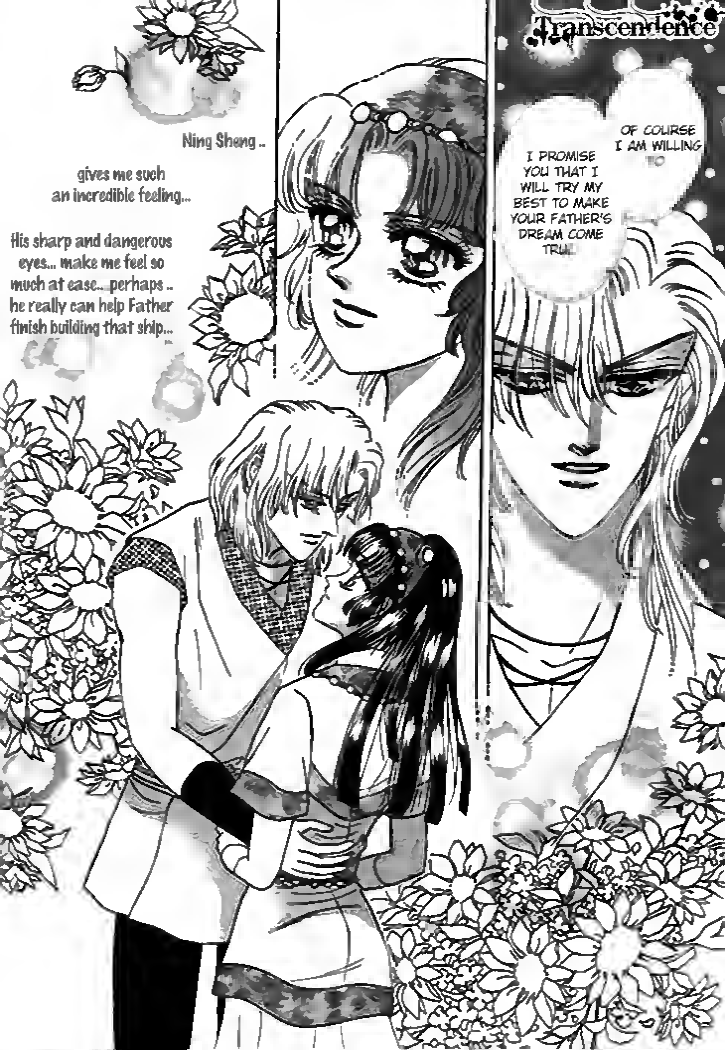
I AM VERY WILLING...
TO BE YOUR SLAVE!
SO... DO YOU WANT TO BE LIKE THE MEN LYING ON THE GROUND?
NO
THEN LET ME GO ALREADY!
YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE A SHIPBUILDER AT ALL!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
-- BECAUSE I ADMIRE SIR MILL'S SHIP-BUILDING SKILLS.
I LOVE HIS SHIPS EVEN MORE.
THEN--
ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP FATHER TO REACH HIS DREAM?

FATHER HAS SPENT TWENTY YEARS BUILDING THIS SHIP—
THE FLEETING MIRAGE!

WHETHER IN ITS MATERIAL OR DESIGN,
FATHER USED INNOVATION THAT HAS NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE
IT IS NOT ONLY STURDY BUT IS ALSO EXTREMELY FAST
NO CURRENT SHIP CAN MATCH UP TO IT
"Fleeting Mirage"

IT IS FATHER'S DREAM TO COMPLETE THIS CREATION
WE ONLY NEED TO REPAIR IT SLIGHTLY.
THOSE NAVIES AND PIRATES
CANNOT UNDERSTAND FATHER'S SKILLS AND DREAMS
EVERY SHIP IS BUILT FROM THE BOTTOM OF FATHER'S HEART.
EACH COMPLETION REQUIRES MASSIVE MANPOWER AND TIME.
BUT THOSE IDIOTIC NAVIES AND PIRATES DESTROY THEM ALL IN THEIR USELESS DISPUTES!
TO FATHER, THAT IS LIKE SEEING HIS OWN SONS AND DAUGHTERS SLAUGHTERING EACH OTHER!

THE PIRATES ARE THE WORST!
THEY TREAT FATHER'S SHIPS AS RAIDING TOOLS! THEY DON'T APPRECIATE THEIR SHIPS AT ALL!
ONCE THEIR SHIP IS DESTROYED, THEY JUST COERCE FATHER INTO BUILDING ANOTHER ONE!
SINCE MY YOUTH I STUDIED MARTIAL ARTS
SO THAT I COULD STOP THEM!
FLEETING MIRAGE
IS FATHER'S DREAM
SHE IS A SHIP FULL OF UNFULFILLED DREAMS...
ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP FATHER COMPLETE HIS DREAM?


Ning Sheng ..
gives me such an incredible feeling...
His sharp and dangerous eyes... make me feel so much at ease... perhaps .. he really can help Father finish building that ship...
I PROMISE YOU THAT I WILL TRY MY BEST TO MAKE YOUR FATHER'S DREAM COME TRUE.
OF COURSE I AM WILLING TO

THAT'S RIGHT!
ARE YOU SAYING...
WHAT?
WE WANT "FLEETING MIRAGE"!
NO!
SIR MIU! I KNOW THAT THAT SHIP IS YOUR MOST PRECIOUS SHIP!
I WILL TREASURE HER WELL!
NO! IF FLEETING MIRAGE IS IN THE HANDS OF PIRATES...
THEN THE SOUTHERN SEA WILL NO LONGER HAVE ANY PEACE!

I DIDN'T THINK THAT THE FIRST PIRATE I WOULD HAVE TO KILL
IS YOU!
MIU YING!

HUYUAN!
LET HER GO!
THIS GIRL HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR MISSION
IT DOESN'T HURT US TO KILL HER
LET HER GO!
MILI YING!

MILI YING!
I CANNOT LET FLEETING MIRAGE BECOME A PIRATE SHIP!
IF YOU COME CLOSER, THEN I WILL KILL YOU!
REALLY...
THEN WHAT DO YOU WANT THAT SHIP TO BECOME?
A GRADUALLY DECAYING ANTIQUE?
IT IS ALSO YOUR FATHER'S DREAM
TO SEE FLEETING MIRAGE SAILING ON THE SEA!

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!
EVEN THOUGH I AM A PIRATE...
LISTEN WELL! MIU YING!
I WOULD NEVER LET FLEETING MIRAGE BE A MERE PIRATE SHIP!
MY DREAM ALSO NEEDS THIS SHIP TO COME TRUE!
WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT YOUR DREAM?!
BECAUSE.
To see Fleeting Mirage...
sailing on the sea...

I WANT YOU TO KNOW
BE-CAUSE
THOSE NAVAL OFFICERS
WANT TO HELP ME BECAUSE THEY LIKE ME!
BUT YOU APPROACH ME...
BECAUSE YOU WANT FATHER'S SHIP
YOU ARE MORE DISGUSTING THAN THEM!

MILI YING!
HOW UNEXPECTED...
YOU ACTUALLY WANTED TO TELL THAT GIRL YOUR DEEPEST SECRET
This is the first time... that I wish that someone could...
understand me...
HUYUAN! TELL LUOYUE!
WE MUST OBTAIN FLEETING MIRAGE!

I won't let Fleeting Mirage fall into the hands of pirates!
It doesn't matter how I feel about Ning Shang...
I won't allow him to take away Fleeting Mirage!

BUT WE MUST TAKE FLEETING MIRAGE!
SIR MIU...
PLEASE FORGIVE OUR RUDENESS...
AH...
NAVAL SHIPS, PIRATE SHIPS... I CREATED THEM ALL
ONE COULD NOT DESTROY THE OTHER BECAUSE OF THESE SHIPS...
HOWEVER, FLEETING MIRAGE WILL DESTROY THE BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN THE NAVY AND THE PIRATES...
AND THE SOUTHERN SEA WILL CEASE TO HAVE ANY MORE PEACE...
YOU ARE WRONG, SIR MIU.
ONLY WHEN FLEETING MIRAGE IS IN MY HANDS...
CAN THESE CONFLICTS COME TO AN END!

They are Luoyue's men...
LEADER MUST BE OVERJOYED!
IT'S A SHAME THAT EVEN THOUGH NING SHENG BROUGHT SO MUCH HONOR,
LEADER STILL DECIDED TO ELIMINATE HIM!
THIS IS THE SHIP!
HOW MAGNIFICENT!
Eh?

WHO'S HERE?
OVER THERE!
IT IS BECAUSE HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH LEADER IS AFRAID OF USURPATION!
AFTER WE TAKE THIS SHIP WE WILL MURDER HIM!
WHO ARE YOU?
IT DOESN'T MATTER! WE MUST KEEP THIS A SECRET...
KILL HER!

SHENG!
THEY SAID THAT YOUR LEADER WANTS TO KILL YOU!
WHAT A LIE! GO DIE!
NING SHENG!
SHE IS MU CHENGXIN'S DAUGHTER.
WE HAVE MUCH TO ASK HER ABOUT FLEETING MIRAGE'S OBSCURE OPERATIONS!
LEAVE HER ALONE.
AH!

I REALLY HEARD IT!
YOUR LEADER WANTS TO KILL YOU!
LLOYLE WILL NEVER KILL ME.
WERE YOU WORRIED... ABOUT MY LIFE?
YOU!
IT'S LIKE HOW I DON'T BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL KILL ME EITHER.

Why was I worried about him?
I have already decided...
to stop him from taking away Fleeting Mirage...
NO WAY...
WHY WOULD I WORRY ABOUT YOU
YOU ARE A PIRATE... WHO IS THREATENING MY FATHER...
AND STEALING AWAY FLEETING MIRAGE...
BUT WHAT'S EVEN MORE UNFORGIVABLE IS THAT DESPITE THE MANY ODIOUS THINGS YOU DID...
I AM STILL...
...in love with you...

I love you
perhaps from the moment that I met you...
my destiny is fated to change forever.

I want to establish a power that can counter the Ming Empire, so that I can extract retribution for the injustices forced upon my clan
Ning Sheng...
What exactly is your dream?
That's why you need Fleeting Mirage?
Miu Ying...
what are your dreams?
I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT...
THAT COMPLETING FLEETING MIRAGE WAS MY ULTIMATE DREAM...
BUT NOW, I HAVE A NEW DREAM.
WHAT IS THAT?

TO STAY WITH YOU FOREVER
SILLY...
THAT ISN'T A DREAM.
BECAUSE...
IT HAS ALREADY BEGUN...

LEADER!
THIS IS FLEETING MIRAGE
HAHA...
WITH THIS...
THE MING EMPIRE'S SHIPS ARE LIKE FLOATING LEAVES. THERE IS NOTHING MORE TO FEAR!
NING SHENG!
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU WANT THIS SHIP?
YES!
I HOPE THAT YOU WOULD ALLOW ME TO OPERATE AND MANAGE HER.
HMPH... IF YOU HAVE THIS SHIP...
WILL YOU STILL REMAIN LOYAL TO ME?

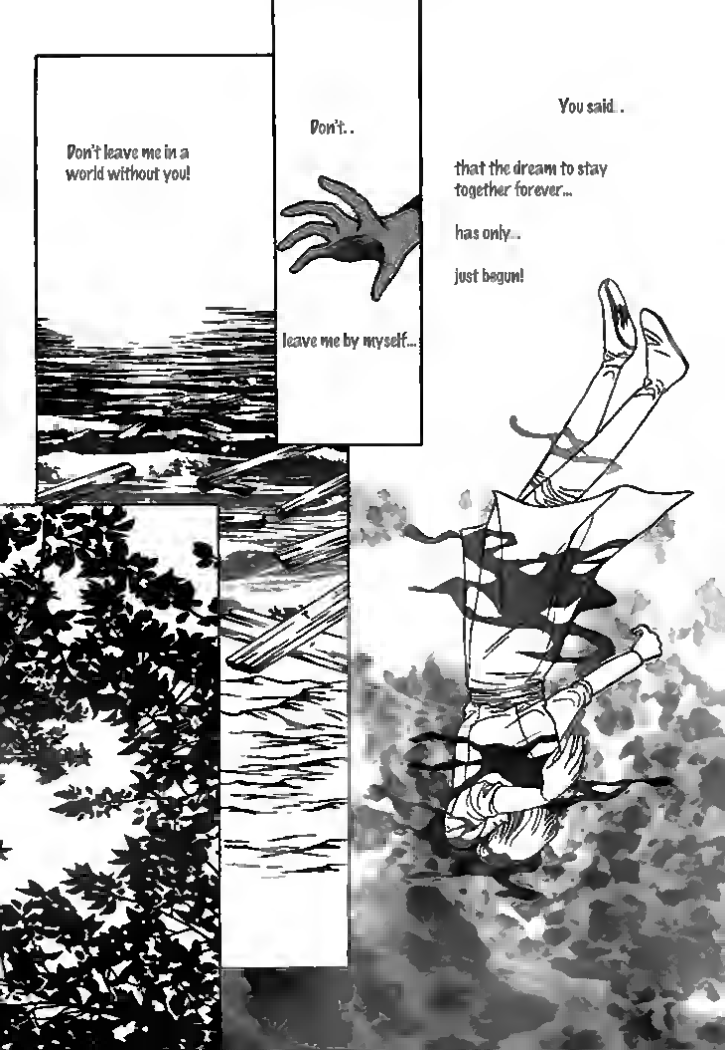
LEADER?!
I DIS-COVERED A WHILE BACK
THAT YOU OFTEN DISOBEY MY ORDERS!
AND MANY OF OUR MEN ARE LOYAL ONLY TO YOU!
YOU ARE MISTAKEN!
THE BEST EVIDENCE IS THAT YOU WANT TO BETRAY ME WITH FLEETING MIRAGE! SHOOT HIM!
STOP!

IF YOU KILL HIM,
THEN YOU WILL NOT LEAVE WITH FLEETING MIRAGE EITHER!
A BRAT LIKE YOU WANTS TO THREATEN ME?
DROP YOUR GUNS!
YOU!
DON'T FORGET FLEETING MIRAGE IS MADE BY THE MIU FAMILY
I ONLY HAVE TO CUT THIS STRING TO DESTROY THE MASTS SUPPORTING THIS SHIP
THE SHIP WILL BE DESTROYED BY THE FALLEN MASTS!

THEN, IS THIS HOW YOU REPAY ME?
BY REBELLING AGAINST ME?
MILI YING, STOP IT.
LIKE I SAID, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT LIOYLIE WILL KILL ME!
HE RESCUED ME AND TOOK CARE OF ME ALL THESE YEARS.
AND I HAVE ALWAYS VIEWED HIM AS MY ONLY SAVIOR.
LET ME TELL YOU THE TRUTH!
WHEN YOUR FAMILY WAS PERSECUTED, WE WERE ONLY PASSING BY AND ROBBING YOUR HOUSEHOLD!
AND YOU ARE NOTHING BUT ONE OF MY TROPHIES!
SHOOT HIM!

WHAT?
WAAA!

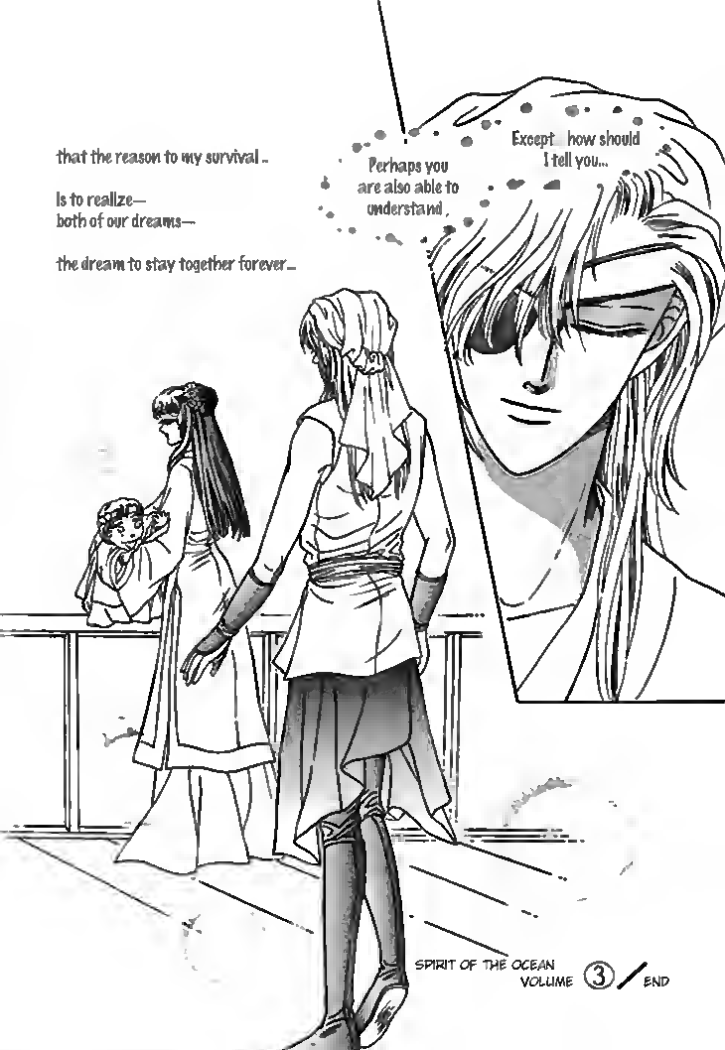
NING SHENG!
That is..
I have a new dream...
to stay with you forever..


Don't leave me in a world without you!
Don't..
leave me by myself...
You said..
that the dream to stay together forever...
has only...
just begun!

HAIER!
COME AND PLAY WITH MOTHER!
MY LADY!
IF YOU BRING HER OUT AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE, SHE WILL CATCH A COLD!
Two years later—
MOTHER.
IT'S OKAY. TODAY IS AN IMPORTANT DAY.
FLEETING MIRAGE WILL FINALLY SET SAIL!

HAIER...
DO YOU SEE IT? GRANDFATHER IS VERY HAPPY TODAY!
BECAUSE THE SHIP OF HIS DREAM—FLEETING MIRAGE
IS FINALLY SAILING ON THE SEA!
YOUR FATHER...
SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THIS DREAM.
BUT HE CAN NEVER REALIZE ANY DREAMS ANY MORE EVEN YOUR MOTHER'S DREAM IS...
PERHAPS I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT IT WHEN YOU GROW OLDER!

I HAVE ALREADY PAID LUOYUE'S KINDNESS WITH ONE OF MY EYES
I SPENT SOME TIME REORGANIZING WHAT LUOYUE LEFT BEHIND BY BUILDING NING CITADEL
I COULD NOT REVEAL THAT I AM STILL ALIVE FOR THEIR SAFETY
I AM FINALLY ABLE TO PICK THEM UP NOW
HAIER
SO MY DAUGHTER'S NAME IS NING HAIER
IT'S A GOOD NAME
SIR
HAVE YOU STILL NOT TOLD HER THAT THIS SHIP IS SAILING TO NING CITADEL?
SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT I AM STILL ALIVE
SHE ALSO DOESN'T KNOW THAT SIR MU HAS TRANSFERRED FLEETING MIRAGE TO ME


that the reason to my survival..
Is to realize—
both of our dreams—
the dream to stay together forever..
Perhaps you are also able to understand,
Except... how should I tell you...

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